

ORDER NO. 1721

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton;  
Tony Hammond; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Market Dominant Product Prices  
Bilateral Agreement between United States Postal  
Service and Singapore Post Limited as (MC2010-35)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. R2013-5

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued May 17, 2013)

The Singapore Post Limited – United States Postal Service Small Packet with Delivery Scanning Bilateral Agreement (Agreement) approved in this proceeding is scheduled to expire June 30, 2013.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service seeks an extension of the Agreement to the earlier of (1) the effective date of recently signed Singapore Post Agreement Modification Three, or (2) July 31, 2013.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, May 15, 2013 at 2 (Motion).

<sup>2</sup> United States Postal Service Notice of Errata to Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, May 16, 2013 (Errata Notice). The Errata Notice identifies July 31, 2013 as the revised alternative effective date. *Id.* at 1-2. The Motion identifies July 12, 2013 as the alternative termination date. Motion at 1.

The Motion is based on the Postal Service's interest in maintaining continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions of the Agreement approved in Docket No. R2012-1, due to advance notice and filing requirements associated with Modification Three that cannot be satisfied until completion of an internal review.<sup>3</sup>

The Public Representative sees no objection to the Postal Service's request for an extension of the Singapore Post Agreement Modification Two in accordance with the specified dates. Public Representative Comments on Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, May 16, 2013, at 2.

The Commission grants the Motion. A brief extension to the earlier of (1) the effective date of recently signed Singapore Post Agreement Modification Three, or (2) July 31, 2013 is consistent with the interests of the general public and does not give rise to any prejudice.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed May 15, 2013, is granted.
2. The Agreement is authorized to continue until the earlier of either (1) the effective date of a recently signed additional modification to the Singapore Post Agreement filed in Docket No. R2012-1, or (2) July 31, 2013.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

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<sup>3</sup> Modification Three extends the Singapore Post Agreement filed in Docket No. R2012-12 for an additional 9 months (from July 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014). 39 C.F.R. § 3010.41 specifies 45 days' advance public notice, among other requirements.